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CARAVEL CONTACT REPORT

23 November 1961

I saw CARAVEL in his office for one hour and discussed the following:

a. Lazo VRACARIC case. CARAVEL was up to his neck in the affair and gave us a rundown which we have put out as an EGFA.

b. The negotiations with the Ministry of Interior on the use of [] to do KUBARK name traces were allegedly virtually completed. CARAVEL had had two talks on the subject with (VI a) chief TOYKA and expected a call by 29 December.

c. Significant Ministry of Interior changes under Höcherl were not expected. He agreed with the Frankfurter Allgemeine report that the FDP wanted BUCHER to become State Secretary, and assumed that BUCHER would replace State Secretary ANDERS, rather than HÖLZEL.

d. CARAVEL still had no word from "our man at Dornier" but he pointed out (as we had concluded after reading the ODACID traffic) that other than the signatories of the contract for the airplanes and possibly the names of the German technicians involved in the delivery of the first plane, there is little that can be learned. CARAVEL has not dropped the case, however.

e. CARAVEL appears genuinely interested in Africa and the Congo, and this gave us the chance to bring up indirectly the subject of candidates for training and building up African police and intelligence organizations. CARAVEL, somewhat surprisingly said he had given much thought to the matter and saw no useful pool of candidates. (a draft dispatch in connection with DIR 27419 of 1 December 1961 has been prepared).

f. CARAVEL accepted an invitation to dinner for himself and his wife at the case officer's home for 1 December 1961.

The next meeting is to be arranged by phone on 29 or 30 November.

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